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Application of: G. Knowlton et al.

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Examiner: E. Miller

For:

LOW TEMPERATURE AUTOIGNITION

COMPOSITION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

amendments and

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendme and comments into the file of the above-identified application before the examination thereof.

In the Claims:

Amend as follows:

1. (twice amended) A low temperature autoignition composition for safely initiating combustion of a main pyrotechnic charge in a gas generator or pyrotechnic device exposed to flame or a high temperature environment, consisting essentially of:

an intimate mixture of an oxidizer composition and a powdered metal fuel, wherein the oxidizer composition comprises silver nitrate or a comelt or mixture comprising silver nitrate and at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of an alkali metal nitrate, an alkaline earth metal nitrate, a complex

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